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Minersville Neighborhood
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Location: 248-50 Iron Street, Minersville, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: No. 248-50 Iron Street is a large double house. Each unit is rectangular, 12' x 42', wood-framed with a covering of wood. The roof is a front gable covered with asphalt shingles. The building is three stories tall. There is a common outside front porch, 12' x 6'. The foundation is constructed of cut stone.

This building is very similar in style to a number of buildings on the north side of the 100 and 200 blocks of Iron Street. This home and the other houses were once company housing built by the Cambria Iron Company.

History: No. 248-50 Iron Street was constructed in 1889 by the Cambria Iron Company, which conveyed the property to John Martinek (also spelled "Martinck"), a laborer, for \$1,500 on December 10, 1914. Martinek was not recorded in either the 1900 or 1910 census for West Taylor Township. He probably came to Johnstown in ca. 1911. A 1915 city directory records Martinek and his wife Catherine at this residence. The Martinek and Zahurak families have retained ownership since 1914.

Sources:

Deed and Tax Assessment Records, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory, 1915.

United States Census, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, West Taylor Township (1900, 1910).

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhoods of Cambria City and Minersville (HABS No. PA-5672) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

This report was prepared by Jeffrey Hickey in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Hickey's and other project historians' work was published as The Character of a Steel Mill City: Four Historic Neighborhoods of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1989), edited by Kim E. Wallace. Illustrations in the publication include large format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe and 35 mm photographs taken by the project historians.